Dear All

In conversation with Maggie Rodely, your name was given to me as having responsibility for hospitality in your region. I want to alert you to the new bank of quality hospitality placements available through the Sydney Access Program in 2010. The Sydney Access Program offers placements in the Sydney CBD area. For detailed information re the 'the new look' Sydney Access program please go to:  <http://www.workplacement.nsw.edu.au/sydneyaccess/index.php>

Placements in other frameworks including Business Services and Information Technology are currently being confirmed for 2010 and I will advise you and your colleagues shortly.

**These high quality hospitality placements** will provide great opportunities for **high achieving students** undertaking **Certificate 11 in Hospitality SIT20207** and **Certificate 11 in Hospitality (Kitchen Operations) SIT20307** and for students seeking a future career in the hospitality industry. The placements are aimed at **Year 12 students** but could be taken by a keen Year 11 student seeking a second placement. The placements are available on a first in first served basis. Once the placement is secured, the 'TAKEN' sign will appear on the placement date.

Unlike the previous arrangements for Sydney Access, in 2010, the student is responsible for initiating the placement application. The teacher will be the catalyst for the student seeking these

placements and I recommend you  alert your hospitality teachers to this opportunity for their 'high achievers', especially given the demands of the new hospitality syllabus.

In the "How do I apply" section on the site, the student completes the application form and submits by email. The teacher will subsequently be contacted by email (or phone) and asked to verify the student's claim in their application and given a positive reply, the application will progress and be managed in a similar fashion to all other workplacements, with student and placement coordinator confirming the placement with the employer.

As the demand for these placements increase we will seek to bring further employers on board. Of course this program does not conflict with the work of the local workplacement providers who will still provide, by far, the vast majority of the placements. This Sydney Access Program is only for a small number of students who will appreciate a '5 star' experience in their journey to a future in hospitality.

I recommend you bookmark this site and regularly check the placements that are available for your students.

<http://www.workplacement.nsw.edu.au/sydneyaccess/students.php>

I am pleased to receive any feedback, comments and contacts that you have so that we can enhance this program.

P.S. As a matter of interest, the first two hospitality students through this program in 2009 were offered both part time work at the end of their placement and apprenticeships on leaving school.

Kindest regards

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